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SUBJECT: X4-78-0001 "BADRI ARKAN" (DA3-E4), GFXA-78-8028 "EGYPTIAN

PORTS PROGRAM"

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- 1. ON MAY 20, 1978 TURKISH NATIONAL HAJI BEKNAZ YUZOK (V), TURKISH PPT #626895 ISSUED APR 12, 1978, WAS ARRESTED BY SUEZ PORT AUTHORITIES AS HE OFFLOADED TURKISH LICENSED FORD CONTAINING 11.6 KG OPIUM SECRETED UNDER RADIATOR FROM "AMAR SAUDI" (V).
- 2. DEFENDANT'S PASSPORT REVEALED SAME M.O. AS PREVIOUS ARREST REPORTED REFTEL. VEHICLE DRIVEN OVERLAND TURKEY/SYRIA/JORDAN/ SAUDI ARABIA WHERE IT WAS LOADED ONBOARD "AMAR SAUDI" AT JIDDAH FOR DELIVERY PORT SUEZ.
- 3. DEFENDANT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OPIUM CONSIGNMENT. AT TIME OF ARREST IN POSSESSION 125 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EGYPTIAN POUNDS, 1500 TURKISH LIRE, 150 GERMAN MARKS, 100 SAUDI ARABIAN RIALS.

4. FOR DEA ANKARA: BOTH COURIERS UTILIZED RECENTLY ISSUED PASSPORTS. ANGA REPORERTED PRICE TURKISH OPIUM HAS RISEN FROM \$3000.00 TO \$4500.00 PER/KG. POSSIBLE INDICATION IMPACT RECENT OPIUM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN EGYPT, FORCING TRAFFICKERS INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO SEEK

SOURCES OF SUPPLY TO MEET LOCAL DEMAND (REF ROI BY HOLM DATED MAR 3, 1978 GFXA-75-8035 "OPIATES."

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